

Water Sampling Instructions

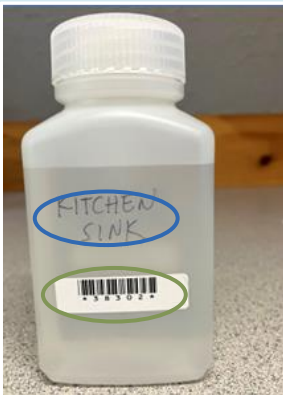
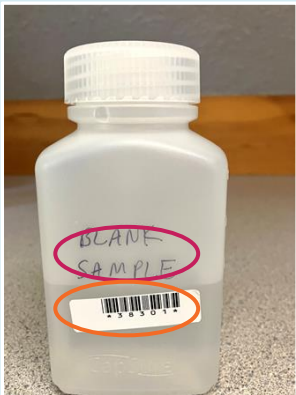
Included Materials: Sampling bottles, barcode stickers, waterproof marker, a “blank” sample (small sample bottle with water already in it), chain of custody form, plastic bag (to keep form dry).






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Identify all water fixtures that are used for drinking, cooking, or making formula.

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Give each water fixture a unique name for easy identification. Write that name on the sample bottle AND the chain of custody form. Each sample has two barcode stickers. Place one sticker directly on the bottle (use tape if needed) and the other on the chain of custody form next to the fixture’s name.



Sample ID (Place barcode in this column)	Fixture Name (include location and type of fixture)	Comments
	Blank Sample	
	KITCHEN SINK	
	INFANT AREA SINK	
	KITCHEN WATER FOUNTAIN	
	PLAYROOM WATER FOUNTAIN	

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Prepare the “blank sample,” the small bottle that is already filled with water. Pour the water from the blank sample into an empty sample bottle and throw away the bottle it came in. Place one barcode sticker directly on the blank sample bottle and the other on the chain of custody form by the pre-filled column “blank sample.” This sample helps us know your test results are accurate.



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Collect COLD water samples from fixtures that have not been used for 8-18 hours. Collect first-draw samples in the morning after the water has been sitting still the night before. Collect the water sample immediately after turning on the faucet or valve, not allowing any water to spill. Fill each sample bottle with COLD water up to the 250ml mark on the bottle.



Sampling tips:

- **Do not** use the water fixture for 8-18 hours before taking the samples.
 - To prevent people from accidentally using the water before sampling, you can tape off the area and post “do not use” signs.
- **Do not** use the facility’s restrooms, sinks, or other water-using appliances or fixtures the morning before sampling as this can disrupt the water we want to sample.
- **Do not** collect a sample from a fixture that has not been used in over 18 hours. If your facility is closed on the weekend, **do not** sample on Monday, and **do not** sample on the first day after a holiday or facility closure.
- **Do not** remove aerators or clean them before sampling.
- **Water samples are time sensitive.** Get the samples back in the mail to the DOH lab within a day or two after collecting them.

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Make sure the chain of custody form is completed and make a copy or take a photo of the form for your records.

Shipping Instructions

Included Materials: Pre-filled FedEx shipping return label, box for shipping (use the same box your supplies arrived in), absorbent pads, packing paper.

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Place the yellow absorbent pad on the bottom of the box and place tightly sealed bottles in the box. Use the packing paper to keep the water samples from moving around.



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Make sure the chain of custody form is complete and place in plastic bag. Place the bag on top of sample bottles in box.

Chain of Custody Form
Drinking Water in Child Care Facilities
Lead and Copper Testing

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CHILD CARE WATER SAMPLE COLLECTION INFORMATION	
Program Coordinator	Ashley Davies leadfreekids@doh.wa.gov 564-669-1098
Child Care Name	ABC Child Care
Address	1234 Sunny Lane
City, State, and Zip Code	City, WA 12345
Name of Person Collecting Samples	Jane Doe
E-mail	jane.doe@email.com
Phone	123-456-7891
Date Collected	3/1/23
Time Collected	6:30 AM
Number of Samples Sent to Lab (including blank sample)	5
Date Sent to Lab	3/1/23
Comments	

Instructions

Use this form to record the following information for each water sample you take:

- Sample ID: Sample found in the sample kit. You will have two barcodes for each sample. One bar code sticker should be placed on the sample bottle, and the matching bar code should be placed on this form under "Sample ID."
- Fixture Name: Location name for each fixture. In the name, include where the fixture is located and what type of fixture it is (e.g., kitchen sink, bathroom sink, playroom water fountain).
- Comments: Any other comments about the water, including changes in color or odor.

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email civil.rights@doh.wa.gov

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Remove old mailing labels. Seal box shut with packing tape, stick the pre-filled FedEx return label on box (keep the top copy for your records), and take box to the nearest FedEx location or call FedEx to have them come pick up the package.



FedEx Package US Airbill

Sender's Phone: 817 721 56 5523

Sender's Name: DOH ENVIRONMENTAL PHS

Address: 243 ISRAEL RD SE, TUMWATER, WA 98501-6419

City: TUMWATER, State: WA, Zip: 98501-6419

Package Number: 1234 5678 9012

Weight: 2.5 lbs, Dimensions: 10x10x10

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Send us an email at leadfreekids@doh.wa.gov so that we can notify the lab that samples are the way.

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We will contact you with your water test results and they will be posted on our [website](https://www.doh.wa.gov) by license number. This typically takes 2-3 weeks after the lab receives the samples.

Questions? Need Help?

Contact us at leadfreekids@doh.wa.gov or 564-669-1098.